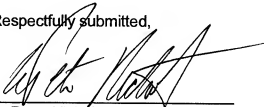


**Remarks**

Claim 23 has been corrected to indicate its correct status. The present claims are believed to be patentable. If, for any reason, the Examiner needs to reach the undersigned attorney, I can be reached at (312) 321-4276.

Respectfully submitted,

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